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SUBJECT: REACTION TO VORSTER'S WINDHOEK SPEECH

1. ZAMBIAN PRESS MAY 22 CARRIES SWAPO SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON VORSTER WINDHOEK SPEECH. SWAPO REACTION PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE. SPEECH CALLED "CYNICAL EXERCISE IN PLAYING WITH WORDS". PROPOSAL TO CONVOKE MULTI-RACIAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE DISMISSED AS "FARCE DESIGNED TO DECEIVE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA AND WORLD AS A WHOLE." SWAPO CONFIDENT UN BODIES AND OAU MEMBER STATES WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN BY "VORSTER ACROBATICS". CONCLUDES THAT SPEECH SHOWS SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT PLAN WITHDRAW ITS ILLEGAL ADMINISTRATION FROM NAMIBIA.

2. NO OFFICIAL ZAMBIAN GOVT STATEMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED BUT BOTH DAILY PAPERS CARRIED EDITORIAL COMMENT ON MAY 22. TIMES TOOK UNUSUALLY HARDLINE APPROACH EVEN FOR IT, ARGUING UNCLASSIFIED

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VORSTER "NO-CHANGE" APPROACH INDICATES NEITHER HE NOR SOUTH

AFRICA IS YET READY FOR RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. OAU URGED TO RE-EXAMINE ITS "OFFICIAL" POSTURE ON SOUTH AFRICA LAID DOWN IN LUSAKA MANIFESTO AS "SOUTH AFRICAN RULE AS ILLEGITIMATE AS REBELLION OF IAN SMITH AND POLITICALLY MORE CRIMINAL." TIMES CONCLUDES THAT UN AND OAU RESPONSE SHOULD BE TO "DUMP VORSTER BY WAYSIDE AND LET URGENT CHANGE PROCEED BY BLOODY REVOLUTION."

3. BY CONTRAST, COMMENTS OF GOVT-OWNED DAILY MAIL ARE BOTH MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND MORE ANALYTICAL. VORSTER PLANS FOR NAMIBIA DESCRIBED AS "AMBIGUOUS", BUT MAIL SEES SEVERAL POINTS WHERE POLICY OUTLINED BY VORSTER, IF SINCERE, WOULD APPEAR MEET DEMANDS OF BLACK AFRICA. THESE POINTS INCLUDE RENUNCIATION OF ANY SAG CLAIMS TO NAMIBIAN TERRITORY, REAFFIRMATION THAT NAMIBIA HAS SEPARATE STATUS WITH A SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL STANDING OF ITS OWN (MAIL NOTES THIS IS POINT WHICH SAG HAD PREVIOUSLY DISPUTED BEFORE ICJ), AND SAG'S ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE "SUBJECT TO CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS" OF OAU ATTITUDE TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF MANDATE. HOWEVER, "IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR THAT WHAT OAU SEEK NOT LOOSE FEDERATION OF BANTUSTANS BROUGHT TOGETHER UNDER LOOSE FORM OF GOVT CALLED UNIFIED NAMIBIA...AS FAR AS THESE BANTUSTANS ARE CONCERNED, THEY CAN ONLY BE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, NOT CONSTITUTIONAL ENTITIES." INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS TO MAKE SURE THAT "SOUTH AFRICA PLAYS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN MAKING NAMIBIA A UNITARY STATE BEFORE SHE ANNOUNCES ANY POLITICAL CHANGES IN (NAMIBIA) THAT MIGHT CHANGE STATUS QUO." WHERE SAG AND BLACK AFRICAN POSITIONS DIFFER FUNDAMENTALLY IS OVER ROLE OF UN AND SWAPO. SOUTH AFRICA MUST UNDERSTAND IT WOULD BE "UNREALISTIC" TO REJECT SWAPO TODAY SINCE THIS POSITION UNACCEPTABLE TO UN AND AFRICA. SINCE VORSTER KNOWS HE STANDS TO GAIN FROM QUICK SOLUTION TO NAMIBIAN PROBLEM, HE ADVISED TO REMOVE THESE LAST TWO OBSTACLES TO EARLY INDEPENDENCE. BEST INTERESTS OF SOUTH AFRICA DICTATE THAT THERE SOON BE SWAPO GOVT IN NAMIBIA OCCUPIED WITH TASK OF REBUILDING COUNTRY RATHER THAN PUPPET REGIME WHICH BOUND TO BE OVERTHROWN AT SOME LATER STAGE. WHILE NAMIBIANS AND AFRICANS CAN AFFORD TO WAIT, SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF CANNOT AFFORD MISS THIS CHANCE.

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